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BACKGROUND

1. On 3 January 1963 Quinton N. OUSLER turned-over the responsibilities of inside Station control of the LIMOTOR Project to Marvin A. CABOT during a meeting held with the outside Staff Agent for the LIMOTOR Project, Seymour D. TRINNICH. What follows is the first in a series of Progress Reports which it is hoped will not only serve to keep Headquarters advised of just what is going on in the LIMOTOR Project but will also serve to apprise Headquarters in greater detail of the performance of the LIMOTOR Staff Agent on the outside under student cover. During the period under review TRINNICH's replacement, Natalie S. MICHNOFF arrived to take over the outside responsibilities for LIMOTOR. In the future regular Progress Reports on LIMOTOR will be submitted on a quarterly basis.

MEETINGS

2. During the period under review 32 meetings were held with Seymour D. TRINNICH by Marvin A. CABOT. Two of these meetings were in CABOT's home under the cover of darkness. The remainder were

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at four selected meeting sites on the streets of the metropolitan area. They have code names and were chosen to allow for maximum check of possible counter-surveillance (use of one-way streets, etc.). CABOT buzzes TRINNICH at the predetermined site at a predetermined time and ultimately picks-up TRINNICH in his QP vehicle. These meetings are then held in CABOT's car. Two special emergency meeting sites have been selected but never used; one is close to TRINNICH's residence, and the other close to the UNAM.

3. As can be seen from the number of meetings held in a seven month period, they were usually held once a week. TRINNICH's meetings with the other LIMOTOR assets were so arranged to allow for a minimum passage of time between the field agents meetings and the meeting with CABOT. The TRINNICH-CABOT meetings usually last, on the average, two hours. Specific requirements were passed and administrative matters were attended to. Usually TRINNICH reviewed with CABOT each report received from the LIMOTOR agents and immediate guidance is given where possible. Since these meetings were TRINNICH's only contact with the Station, deliberate efforts were made to keep him abreast of general Station developments as well as KUBARK developments. This has proven to be a distinct advantage from the standpoint of the outside Staffer's morale, making him feel much more part of the Station and what it is trying to accomplish.

4. TRINNICH in turn had predesignated meeting sites for LIMOTOR's 14, 19, and 22, similar to those cited in paragraph 2 above, and picked up his agents in his QP vehicle. Effective 7 March TRINNICH began preparation of contact reports with each of his agents. In turn LIMOTOR-14 was instructed to prepare a short report on each of his meetings with LIEFBROIL-2.

OPERATIONAL

5. Since January 1963, the Station has attempted, through its regular contact with Seymour D. TRINNICH, to gain further insight into just what goes on at the UNAM which is of interest to the Station, and at the same time to examine the LIMOTOR assets and their capabilities in terms of the UNAM. The LIMOTOR project is, as stated in the Project Renewal, an important Station "eyes and ears" mechanism at the UNAM. Based on a look at LIMOTOR for the period under review the Station notes the following:

- a. While the Project is producing it has received little in the way of guidance from the Station or Headquarters on information which it should collect. A re-examination of access was also necessary.
- b. There was insufficient coordination with Station KUCAGE activities at the UNAM.
- c. While it did produce, little of the product was considered of value for formal dissemination.
- d. There was little or no play-back into the LIMOTOR Project. That is to say that while the Project itself, primarily in the person of TRINNICH displayed initiative and generated activity, it often ended just at that point. This contributed to low morale, particularly as it concerned TRINNICH.

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6. At the beginning of the period under review, the LIMOTOR stable consisted of the following assets:

LIMOTOR-14 (who maintained contact with LIEMBROLI-2 and LIKAYAK-6; the latter served as a contact to LIEMBROLI's 3 and 4)

LIMOTOR-19

LIMOTOR-22

At an early stage in the TRINNICH-CABOT relationship, i.e., at the 2nd January meeting, steps were initiated via LIMOTOR-14 to accomplish the termination of LIKAYAK-6 and LIEMBROLI's 3 and 4 for lack of production. This was finally completed effective the end of March 1963. Although a bid for drop or termination pay was made, it was rejected. In order to provide LIKAYAK-6 with a means of contact should something of importance develop in the future, LIMOTOR-14 was instructed to acquire a Post Office Box, which he did. It was taken out in the alias used by LIMOTOR-14 with LIKAYAK-6 (Pedro MORAN) and also the alias used by LIMOTOR-14 with LIEMBROLI-2 (Hugo de la Torre) as an emergency means of contact (using a telegram).

7. As a matter of operational background, Seymour D. TRINNICH was known to LIMOTOR's 14, 19, and 22 under his true name. They also knew his home telephone number which was used for communications from them to him. LIMOTOR-14 was unaware of the existence of LIMOTOR's 19 and 22. He knew CUSLER under his true nickname. Although LIMOTOR's 19 and 22 knew each other slightly socially, they were unaware of each others clandestine relationship with TRINNICH. LIMOTOR-19 knew Phineas F. SLINKARD through their close cooperation on the BECHICK/BERKNAVE operation (under true name). LIMOTOR-19 also knew CUSLER under true first name.

8. With paragraph 7 in mind, there follows a brief resume of each of the LIMOTOR agents:

A. LIEMBROLI-2. For the current period this agent has been a key writer for one of the leading UNAM student newspapers, Revolucionario. He is well-versed in UNAM student affairs and has a wide range of contacts with student leaders. He and the newspaper were of particular interest to us, particularly because the latter was considered one of the biggest at UNAM but because it was also financed by the private secretary to LITENSOR in the name of LITENSOR's office. However by August Revolucionario was in bad financial straits, victim of embezzlement of funds, and virtually extinct. Through LIMOTOR-14 we have attempted to exploit LIEMBROLI-2's other connections. We have tried to raise the level and desirability of his reporting. LIEMBROLI-2 does

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not know LIMOTOR-14 by his true name, nor does he know that LIMOTOR-14 represents ODYONE or PEPRIME. We have tried to impress on LIEMEROIL-2's mind that he is working for a "group of Mexican businessmen interested in knowing what is going on at the UNAM". This agent is paid 1,500 pesos monthly.

B. LIMOTOR-14. With the termination of LIKAYAK-6 and LIEMEROIL's 3 and 4, this agent's responsibilities consisted of meeting LIEMEROIL-2 and thereafter to translate his reports. This we feel is not sufficient work for this agent whom we feel is a valuable long-range asset, and capable. We have been attempting to interest him in becoming a safe-house keeper in addition to his regular duties. He is also paid 1,500 pesos monthly. He has taken on additional responsibilities at his present place of employment, but as a target it is presently completely uninteresting to us. Should LIMOTOR ever acquire additional non-PEPRIME assets, this agent would be the handler. He is a Mexican citizen.

C. LIMOTOR-19. This agent continues to concentrate on possible leads to present or future members of the Mexican equivalent of ODACID (see Project Renewal, VI. PLANS, B). Also during the period under review she did yeoman service in the BECHICK/BERNAVE case (see also paragraph 3d (2) of HNSA-22370, dated 24 October 1953). In the first category she has already completed preliminary write-ups on ten of the 29 students of the school in question. She is one of the finest elicitors of information we have seen and continues to do a fine job, whatever her assignment might be. Incidentally she is on the executive board of the Robert Cuba Jones group, a strange constellation of students, and visitors including diplomats. LIMOTOR-19 is the regular source of the Station's list of School for Foreigners students.

D. LIMOTOR-22. He is a passive asset at the UNAM who has been instructed to report all that he sees or hears which deals with student political groupings of the left in all faculties at UNAM, with particular attention to student elections and political alignments. He has been in the best position, along with LIEMEROIL-2 to report on the activities of LICOAX and LILISP-C. LIMOTOR-22 specifically, as well as LIMOTOR's 14 and 19, was scheduled for an LCFLUTTER examination. The results of that examination will be discussed in the Progress Report covering the period after August 1953 or in a separate dispatch.

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9. As indicated in the Project Renewal we have no immediate plans to expand numerically the assets of LIMOTOR.

PRODUCTION

10. During the period January - June 1963, 225 raw reports were produced by the LIMOTOR assets. Of these, 38 originated with Seymour D. TRINNICH; 3 with LIMOTOR-14; 33 with LIEMBROIL-2 (although several of these contained several topics); 75 with LIMOTOR-19; and 76 with LIMOTOR-22. These figures may be further analyzed as follows:

Seymour D. TRINNICH

Personalities	18
LITALON-3	6
Maria Gustava Sten	4
UNAM Lecture Series	2
Luisa Pintos Mimo	2
Eli De Gorriti- UNAM	2
Max-Cuban Cultural Inst.	1
Political Groups - UNAM	1
Publications	1
CNE (D)	1
	38

LIMOTOR-14

Comments on LIKAYAK-6 Reports	2
Personalities	1
	3

LIEMBROIL-2

UNAM - General	7
Revolucionario	5
Political Groups UNAM	5
Publications	4
Personalities	2
Political (Mexico)	2
M.U.R.Q.	1
F.U.S.A.	1
Student Elections	1
Youth Press Week	1
CNE	1
Miscellaneous	3
	33

LIMOTOR-19

Personalities	246
Colegio de Mexico (including leads)	16
Lecture Series	6
Political Groups UNAM	6
BECHICK	5
Robert Cuba Jones Group	5
CNE Clubs	4
LITALON-3	3
Center of Latin American Studies	2
Maria Gustava Sten	1
CNE (D)	1
Miscellaneous	2
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* In addition LIMOTOR-19 produced three lists of School for Foreigners Students for February, April and July 1963

LIMOTOR-22

Lecture Series	18
Publications	9
Political Groups	8
Elections	6
UNAM Faculties	6
Michoacan Riots	4
Personalities	2
LITALON-3	2
Workers University	2
CNE (D)	1
Miscellaneous	18
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11. By category the above production is as follows:

Personalities	47
Lecture Series	26
Political Groups UNAM	20
Colegio de Mexico	16
Publications	14
LITALON-3	11
Student Elections	7
UNAM - General	7
Student Associations	6
Maria Gustava Sten	5
BECHICK	5
Robert Cuba Jones Group	5
Revolucionario	5
Michoacan Riots	4
Miscellaneous	43
	225

The personality reports were routed to interested Station officers and were then made part of existing personality files at the Station. All of the reports connected with the UNAM were read by the Station KUCAGE officers for whatever action they felt was necessary. Reports dealing with HS subjects or personalities were routed to SLINKARD. This raw report production does serve to strengthen Station CI and personality files and by its very nature little of it ever sees the light of day in terms of formal dissemination outside the Station (an exception was MEXI-6693).

12. Unfortunately, only two of the 225 raw reports received formal dissemination, both originating with LIENBROIL-2 (HAMS-6939 and 7577). As indicated in the Project Renewal submitted with HAMA-21650 and in HAMA-22370, it is hoped through proper guidance and increased direction to be able to raise the level of disseminable information originating within the LIMOTOR Project. Efforts will be made to enlist the support of the HAMINCH Political Section as well as the local QKFLOWACE to better channel the LIMOTOR efforts and increase customer interest in the product, by providing the Station with suitable guidance where possible.

COVER

13. The Station has not encountered cover problems within the Project during the period under review. The capability of the Project is certainly enhanced by the fact that the Staff Agent outside is under student cover. He can develop expertise in the LIMOTOR target through his daily activities and comment with greater authority on the production of other LIMOTORS.

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SECURITY

14. Since early 1963 plans were made for the eventual appearance of an LCFLUTTER team from Headquarters. Based on earlier correspondence, LIMOTOR-22 was a prime candidate, and both LIMOTOR's 19 and 22 were included in further planning for the LCFLUTTER visit.

15. No security incidents have occurred during the period under review. As indicated in paragraph 3 above, Staff Agent meetings are held as close to the regular meetings with the ionide Staffer as possible. Emergency meetings can always be arranged. During the reporting period steps were taken to sterilize the LIMOTOR raw material as much as possible, to protect it against exposure of assets should it ever become compromised.

ADMINISTRATIVE

16. Effective 1 July 1963 LIMOTOR-19's salary was increased to 4,360 pesos per month (less PBWINE tax deductions). No other salary increase are contemplated.

17. All LIMOTOR production (raw reports cited under PRODUCTION above) is routed to COS and DOOS plus the interested Station officers.

CONCLUSIONS

18. During the period under review, definite progress has been made toward the objectives as set down in paragraph 5 above. Plans call for Marvin A. CABOT to brief the Station's operational staff on LIMOTOR during one of the regular weekly operational staff meetings. Similarly, plans called for a meeting of CABOT, TRIMMICH, and NICHNOFF with Station KUCAGE officers. Continued effort is being made to improve the quality and scope of LIMOTOR agent reporting. And last but not least, three non-productive LIMOTOR Agents were dropped. The next LIMOTOR Progress Report will demonstrate even further progress toward these modest objectives.

19. One overall factor must also be considered. In view of the scope of this Station's operational activity, and given the very special political complexion of the student body and faculty of the UAM, this Station cannot easily allow itself the luxury of being without a LIMOTOR-type project.

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